# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

EARL J. HIBBITTS,

:

Plaintiff,

C.A. No.: 08C-06-223 PLA

v.

NON-ARBITRATION CASE

CHARLES HALE,

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HERITAGE EQUIPMENT

LEASING, LLC, and, HERITAGE

MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC,

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Defendants.

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: SS.

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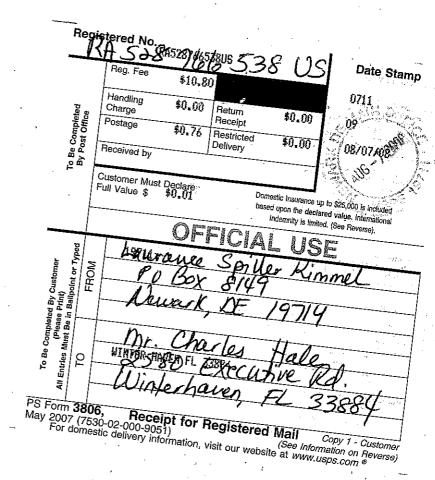
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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this <u>A5H</u> day of

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August 5, 2008

Re: Earl J. Hibbitts v. Charles Hale, et al

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SHARON AGNEW Prothonotary

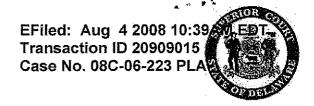
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### **Sheriff's Return**

Served the within Summons and copy of the following complaint:

SUMMONS/COMPLAINT/INTERROGATORIES

this day, Monday, July 21, 2008, personally upon HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, by leaving with her a true and correct copy of the said Summons for the defendant:

**CHARLES HALE** 



and a copy of the Complaint for the said defendant, together with the sum of \$ 2.00 Dollars, as prescribed by Section 3112 of Title 10 of the Delaware Code of 1978.

So Answers,

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- 1. On Tuesday, 7/18/06, at approximately 4:35 p.m., Plaintiff was operating his vehicle, stopped in traffic on southbound New Castle Avenue, in New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware, when he was struck from the rear by a vehicle left unoccupied by Defendant Hale, who had left his vehicle unattended in a negligent and careless manner, causing his vehicle to roll down a hill and into the Plaintiff's vehicle, causing Plaintiff's vehicle to strike two motor vehicles in front of him, resulting in injuries and damages to Plaintiff.
- 2. The conduct of Defendant Hale was negligent and careless in a manner which proximately caused the aforesaid accident in that he:
  - (a) left his vehicle unattended in violation of 21 Del.C. Section 4182;
  - (b) failed to maintain proper control over his vehicle; and,
- (c) operated his vehicle in a careless and/or inattentive manner in violation of 21 <u>Del.C.</u> Section 4176;

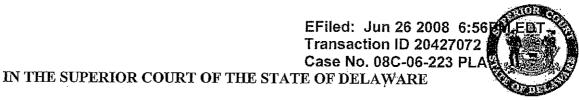
- (d) failed to effectively set the brake of his vehicle when leaving it unattended in violation of 21 Del.C. Section 4182;
- (e) failed to turn the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway in violation of21 <u>Del.C.</u> Section 4182;
- (f) failed to equip his vehicle with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and to hold such vehicle and any trailer or semitrailer attached thereto including 2 separate means of applying the brakes in violation of 21 <u>Del.C.</u> Section 4303;
- (g) failed to maintain the brakes of his vehicle in good working order and conform to regulations promulgated by the Secretary in violation of 21 <u>Del.C.</u> Section 4303;
- (h) failed to maintain the brakes of his vehicle so the hand brake could hold such vehicle stationary on any grade upon which operated in violation of 21 <u>Del.C.</u> Section 4304;
- (i) operated a vehicle with faulty and/or defective equipment, causing said vehicle to move forward when left unattended on the roadway.
- 3. The negligence of Defendant Hale is imputed to Defendants Indian River Transport, Inc., Heritage Equipment Leasing, LLC, and Heritage Management Group, LLC, since the former was operating the vehicle as the agent, servant and/or employee of Defendants Indian River Transport, Inc., Heritage Equipment Leasing, LLC, and Heritage Management Group, LLC, and was pursuing Defendants Indian River Transport, Inc., Heritage Equipment Leasing, LLC's, and Heritage Management Group, LLC's business at the time of the aforesaid accident. Each Defendant must deny agency by affidavit pursuant to 10 <u>Del. C.</u> Section 3916.

4. As a result of the aforesaid conduct of Defendants, Plaintiff sustained injuries to his head, neck, back, shoulders, right upper extremity, left upper extremity, left lower extremity, right lower extremity, and other injuries, some or all of which may be permanent, pain and suffering, mental distress, a loss of earnings, and other damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants for his general and special damages, in an amount to be determined by a jury, plus costs and interest.

> /s/ LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL, ESQUIRE Kimmel, Carter, Roman, & Peltz, P.A. 56 W. Main Street, Fourth Floor Plaza 273 Newark, DE 19702 (302) 565-6100 Attorney for Plaintiff Bar ID: 4725

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## ANSWERS TO SUPERIOR COURT FORM 30 INTERROGATORIES

1. Give the names and present or last known residential and employment address and telephone number of each eye-witness to the incident which is the subject of litigation

#### ANSWER:

See the police report.

2. Give the names and present or last known residential and employment address and telephone number of each person who has knowledge of the facts relating to the litigation.

#### ANSWER:

See those listed in the Police Report, as well as plaintiff's friends, relatives, and business associates.

Christiana Hospital, 4755 Ogletown-Stanton Road, Newark, DE 19710;

Delaware Open MRI, H-42 Omega Drive, Newark, DE 19713;

Glasgow Surgery Center, 2600 Glasgow Ave., Ste. 226, Newark, DE 19702;

Dr. Arnold B. Glassman, 700 Lea Blvd, Suite 102, Wilmington, DE 19802;

Dr. Bruce H. Grossinger, Delaware Neurological Center, 4100 Dawnbrook Dr., Suite 4 Arbor Point Professional Center, Wilmington, DE 19804;

Dr. Stephen L. Hershey, First State Orthopaedics, Med. Arts Pav. Suites 225 and 238 4745 Ogletown-Stanton Rd., Newark, DE 19713-1338;

Dr. Victor R. Kalman, Morgan Kalman Clinic, 2501 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810;

Dr. Anne C. Mack, Delaware Back Pain & Rehab Center, 2600 Glasgow Avenue Suite 210, Newark, DE 19702;

Scomed Supply, Inc., 316 Commerce Drive, Exton, PA 19341.

3. Give the names of all persons who have been interviewed in connection with the above litigation, including the names and present and last known residential and employment addresses and telephone numbers of the person who made the said interviews and name and present or last known residential and employment addresses and telephone numbers of persons who have the original and copies of the interview.

#### ANSWER:

None known.

4. Identify all photographs, diagrams, or other representations made in connection with the matter in litigation giving the name and present or last known residential and employment address and telephone number of the person having the original and copies thereof. (In lieu thereof, a copy can be attached.)

#### ANSWER:

See Police Report.

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5. Give the name, professional address and telephone number of all expert witnesses presently retained by the party together with the dates of any written opinions prepared by said expert. If an expert is not presently retained, describe by type the experts whom the party expects to retain in connection with the litigation.

Document 7

#### ANSWER:

See those physicians listed in Interrogatory number 2 above.

- 6. Give a brief description of any insurance policy, including excess coverage, that is or may be applicable to the litigation, including:
  - a. The name and address of all companies insuring the risk;
  - b. The policy number;
  - c. The amount of primary, /secondary, and excessive coverage.
  - d. The type of insurance;

#### ANSWER:

Geico Insurance Company, 1 Geico Boulevard, Fredericksburg, VA 22412, (800) 841-1003, Claim Number: 0166116410101061 (15K/30K PIP – Exhausted);

Continental Casualty Company, PO Box 17369, Denver, CO 80217, Claim Number: TR903960 (Unknown LIAB)

7. Give the name, professional address, and telephone number of all physicians, chiropractors, psychologists, and physical therapists who have examined or treated you at any time during the ten year period immediately prior to the date of the incident at issue in this litigation.

#### ANSWER:

To be provided.

/s/ LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL
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#### AFFIDAVIT OF COUSEL PURSUANT **TO RULE 3(a)(1)(ii) AND (iii)**

STATE OF DELAWARE:

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

LAWRANCE S. KIMMEL, being duly sworn this day of June 2008. does depose and say:

- 1. He is attorney for plaintiff in the above-referenced action.
- 2. This action involves a claim for personal injuries where the plaintiff claims special damages that have and will be supplied.

#### FILING IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUPERIOR COURT RULE 3(h)

In compliance with Superior Court Civil Rule 3(h), Plaintiff attaches the following documentation:

- (i) Answers to Form 30 Interrogatories:
- (ii) Due to the volume of documentary evidence gathered in this case, it is impractical to attach photocopies of all documents to the complaint. Copies of all

documents discoverable under this rule will be forwarded to the attorney for the defendant once an appearance is made by defendant's counsel and a written request for these documents is made.

LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me the day and year aforesaid

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JONATHAN B. O'NEILL ATTORNEY AT LAW Notated Officer, State of Delaward Passuant to 29 Del. C. 6 422 24-1/2 EFiled: Jun 26 2008 6:56 F.E. Transaction ID 20427072 Case No. 08C-06-223 PLA SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CASE INFORMATION STATEMENT (CI

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Defendants	JURY DEMAND: X Yes No
ATTORNEY NAME:	IDENTIFY ANY RELATED CASES NOW PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BY CAPTION AND CIVIL
Lawrance Spiller Kimmel, Esq.	ACTION NUMBER INCLUDING JUDGE'S INITIALS:  None.
ATTORNEY ID: 4725	None.
FIRM NAME:	EXPLAIN THE RELATIONSHIP:
Kimmel, Carter, Roman & Peltz	Not Applicable
ADDRESS:	
Plaza 273 *	
56 West Main Street, 4th Floor	
Newark, Delaware 19702	OTHER UNUSUAL ISSUES THAT AFFECT CASE MANAGEMENT:
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E-MAIL ADDRESS: lkimmel@kcrlaw.com	

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION	COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY
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1. Article Addressed to:  Mr. Charles Hale  2580 Executive Rd	D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No
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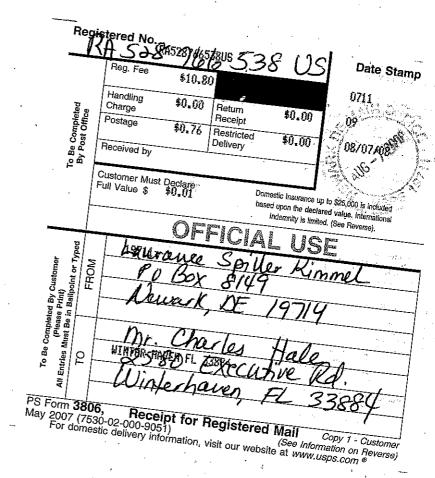
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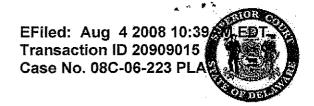
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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants for his general and special damages, in an amount to be determined by a jury, plus costs and interest.

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#### ANSWER:

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## AFFIDAVIT OF COUSEL PURSUANT TO RULE 3(a)(1)(ii) AND (iii)

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: SS

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LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me the day and year aforesaid

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CAPTION:	Civil Case Code: CPIA
EARL J. HIBBITTS	Civil Case Type: <u>Personal Injury Auto</u>
Plaintiff,	
	Name and Status of Party filing document:
.v.	EARL J. HIBBITTS, Plaintiff
CHARLES HALE, INDIAN RIVER TRANSPORT, INC., HERITAGE EQUIPMENT LEASING, LLC, and HERITAGE MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC.,	Document Type: (E.G. Complaint; Answer with Counterclaim) COMPLAINT, SUMMONS, ANSWER TO FORM 30 INTERROGATORIES, AND PRAECIPE.
Defendants.	JURY DEMAND: X Yes No
ATTORNEY NAME:	IDENTIFY ANY RELATED CASES NOW PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BY CAPTION AND CIVIL ACTION NUMBER INCLUDING JUDGE'S INITIALS:
Lawrance Spiller Kimmel, Esq.	ACTION NUMBER INCLUDING JUDGE'S INTIALS.
ATTORNEY ID: 4725	None.
FIRM NAME:	EXPLAIN THE RELATIONSHIP:
Kimmel, Carter, Roman & Peltz	Not Applicable
ADDRESS:	
Plaza 273	
56 West Main Street, 4th Floor	
Newark, Delaware 19702	OTHER UNUSUAL ISSUES THAT AFFECT CASE MANAGEMENT:
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (302) 565-6100	Not Applicable
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SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION	COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY
Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.  Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.  Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.  1. Article Addressed to:  Mr. Charles Hale  2580 Executive Rd	B. Received by (Proted Name)  Quet Course  D. Is delivery address different from item 17  If YES, enter delivery address below:
Winterhaven, FL 33884	3. Service Type  Certified Mail Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise Insured Mail C.O.D.  Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)  Yes
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PS Form 3811, February 2004 Domestic Re	turn Receipt 102595-02-M-1540

# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

EARL J. HIBBITTS,

Plaintiff, : C.A. No.: 08C-06-223 PLA

v. : NON-ARBITRATION CASE

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HERITAGE EQUIPMENT

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Defendants.

# AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF DELAWARE:

:SS.

**NEW CASTLE COUNTY:** 

I, LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL, am attorney for the plaintiff(s).

This affidavit is made on behalf of the plaintiff(s) in accordance with the provisions of 10 Del.C. §3104 as amended and also pursuant to Superior Court Rule 4(f)(II)(h) and is filed as an amendment to the complaint.

The defendant, Heritage Equipment Leasing, LLC is a business in the State of Florida and the last known address is 2580 Executive Road, Winterhaven, FL 33884.

On the 5th day of August 2008, a notice, a copy of which is attached hereto as exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference as is more fully set forth, was sent by registered mail, return receipt requested, at the address set forth above.

On or about the 19th day of August 2008, the return receipt number RA 528 766 541 US, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated by reference as is more fully set forth, was received on behalf of the plaintiff from the postal authorities showing the notice was signed by Janet Kennedy on the Defendant's behalf.

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this <u>45</u> day of

<u>lugust</u>, A.D., 2008.

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August 5, 2008

Re: Earl J. Hibbitts v. Charles Hale, et al

Heritage Equipment Leasing, LLC 2580 Executive Road Winterhaven, FL 33884

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 <u>Del. C.</u> Section 3104, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the summons, complaint and answers to the Superior Court form 30 interrogatories, together with a copy of the Sheriff's return in the above-captioned case.

You are hereby notified that service of the original of such process has been served upon the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware.

As you can see, these papers name you as defendant in a civil action which has been initiated in the Superior Court of Delaware, in and for New Castle County. Under the provision of Title 10, Section 3104 of the Delaware Code, such service is as effectual to all intents and purposes as if it had been made upon you personally within the State.

Very truly yours,

Lawrance Spiller Kimmel

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THE STATE OF DELAWARE,

TO THE SHERIFF OF KENT COUNTY:

# YOU ARE COMMANDED:

To summon the above named defendant's so that, within 20 days after service hereof upon defendant, exclusive of the day of service, defendant shall serve upon Lawrance Spiller Kimmel, Esquire, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 200 Biddle Avenue, Suite 101, Springside Plaza, Newark DE 19702, an answer to complaint (and, if an affidavit of demand has been filed, an affidavit of defense).

To serve upon defendant a copy hereof and of the complaint (and of the affidavit of demand if any has been filed by plaintiff).

SHARON AGNEW Prothonotary

Per Deputy

# TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

In case of your failure, within 20 days after service hereof upon you, exclusive of the day of service, to serve on plaintiff's attorney named above an answer to the complaint (and, if an affidavit of demand has been filed, an affidavit of defense), judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint (or in the affidavit of demand, if any).

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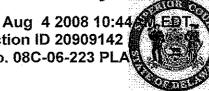
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# **Sheriff's Return**

Served the within Summons and copy of the following complaint:

SUMMONS/COMPLAINT/INTERROGATORIES

this day, Monday, July 21, 2008, personally upon HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, by leaving with her a true and correct copy of the said Summons for the defendant:

INDIAN RIVER TRANSPORT, INC., HERITAGE EQUIPMENT LEASING & HERITAGE MANAGEMENT GROUP



and a copy of the Complaint for the said defendant, together with the sum of \$ 6.00 Dollars, as prescribed by Section 3104 of Title 10 of the Delaware Code of 1978.

So Answers,

Jim Higdon Sheriff of Kent County EFiled: Jun 26 2008 6:56F FET Transaction ID 20427072 Case No. 08C-06-223 PLA IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

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Defendants.

## PRAECIPE

PLEASE ISSUE SUMMONS, COMPLAINT, and PLAINTIFF'S ANSWERS
TO SUPERIOR COURT FORM 30 INTERROGATORIES on:

- 1) Defendant Charles Hale at 2580 Executive Road, Winterhaven, FL 33884, through the Secretary of State pursuant to 10 <u>Del.C.</u> § 3112;
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/s/ LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL
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### **COMPLAINT**

- 1. On Tuesday, 7/18/06, at approximately 4:35 p.m., Plaintiff was operating his vehicle, stopped in traffic on southbound New Castle Avenue, in New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware, when he was struck from the rear by a vehicle left unoccupied by Defendant Hale, who had left his vehicle unattended in a negligent and careless manner, causing his vehicle to roll down a hill and into the Plaintiff's vehicle, causing Plaintiff's vehicle to strike two motor vehicles in front of him, resulting in injuries and damages to Plaintiff.
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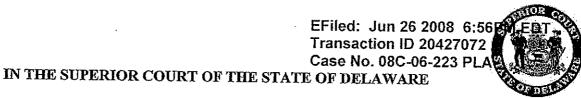
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Defendants	JURY DEMAND: X Yes No
ATTORNEY NAME:  Lawrance Spiller Kimmel, Esq.  ATTORNEY ID: 4725  FIRM NAME:  Kimmel, Carter, Roman & Peltz	IDENTIFY ANY RELATED CASES NOW PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BY CAPTION AND CIVIL ACTION NUMBER INCLUDING JUDGE'S INITIALS:  None.
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# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

EARL J. HIBBITTS,

Plaintiff,

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NON-ARBITRATION CASE

CHARLES HALE,

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Notary Public



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August 5, 2008

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SHARON AGNEW Prothonotary

Per Deputy

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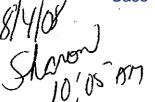
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# **Sheriff's Return**

Served the within Summons and copy of the following complaint:

SUMMONS/COMPLAINT/INTERROGATORIES

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INDIAN RIVER TRANSPORT, INC., HERITAGE EQUIPMENT LEASING & HERITAGE MANAGEMENT GROUP



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JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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# /s/ LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL

LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL, ESQUIRE Kimmel, Carter, Roman, & Peltz, P.A. 56 W. Main Street, Fourth Floor Plaza 273 Newark, DE 19702 (302) 565-6100 Attorney for Plaintiff Bar ID: 4725

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### COMPLAINT

- 1. On Tuesday, 7/18/06, at approximately 4:35 p.m., Plaintiff was operating his vehicle, stopped in traffic on southbound New Castle Avenue, in New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware, when he was struck from the rear by a vehicle left unoccupied by Defendant Hale, who had left his vehicle unattended in a negligent and careless manner, causing his vehicle to roll down a hill and into the Plaintiff's vehicle, causing Plaintiff's vehicle to strike two motor vehicles in front of him, resulting in injuries and damages to Plaintiff.
- 2. The conduct of Defendant Hale was negligent and careless in a manner which proximately caused the aforesaid accident in that he:
  - (a) left his vehicle unattended in violation of 21 Del.C. Section 4182;
  - (b) failed to maintain proper control over his vehicle; and,
- (c) operated his vehicle in a careless and/or inattentive manner in violation of 21 <u>Del.C.</u> Section 4176;

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- (e) failed to turn the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway in violation of 21 <u>Del.C.</u> Section 4182;
- (f) failed to equip his vehicle with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and to hold such vehicle and any trailer or semitrailer attached thereto including 2 separate means of applying the brakes in violation of 21 <u>Del.C.</u> Section 4303;
- (g) failed to maintain the brakes of his vehicle in good working order and conform to regulations promulgated by the Secretary in violation of 21 <u>Del.C.</u> Section 4303;
- (h) failed to maintain the brakes of his vehicle so the hand brake could hold such vehicle stationary on any grade upon which operated in violation of 21 <u>Del.C.</u> Section 4304;
- (i) operated a vehicle with faulty and/or defective equipment, causing said vehicle to move forward when left unattended on the roadway.
- 3. The negligence of Defendant Hale is imputed to Defendants Indian River Transport, Inc., Heritage Equipment Leasing, LLC, and Heritage Management Group, LLC, since the former was operating the vehicle as the agent, servant and/or employee of Defendants Indian River Transport, Inc., Heritage Equipment Leasing, LLC, and Heritage Management Group, LLC, and was pursuing Defendants Indian River Transport, Inc., Heritage Equipment Leasing, LLC's, and Heritage Management Group, LLC's business at the time of the aforesaid accident. Each Defendant must deny agency by affidavit pursuant to 10 <u>Del. C.</u> Section 3916.

4. As a result of the aforesaid conduct of Defendants, Plaintiff sustained injuries to his head, neck, back, shoulders, right upper extremity, left upper extremity, left lower extremity, right lower extremity, and other injuries, some or all of which may be permanent, pain and suffering, mental distress, a loss of earnings, and other damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants for his general and special damages, in an amount to be determined by a jury, plus costs and interest.

/s/ LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL
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## IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

EARL J. HIBBITTS,

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NON-ARBITRATION CASE

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JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Defendants.

# ANSWERS TO SUPERIOR COURT FORM 30 INTERROGATORIES

1. Give the names and present or last known residential and employment address and telephone number of each eye-witness to the incident which is the subject of litigation

#### ANSWER:

See the police report.

2. Give the names and present or last known residential and employment address and telephone number of each person who has knowledge of the facts relating to the litigation.

#### ANSWER:

See those listed in the Police Report, as well as plaintiff's friends, relatives, and business associates.

Christiana Hospital, 4755 Ogletown-Stanton Road, Newark, DE 19710;

Delaware Open MRI, H-42 Omega Drive, Newark, DE 19713;

Glasgow Surgery Center, 2600 Glasgow Ave., Ste. 226, Newark, DE 19702;

Dr. Arnold B. Glassman, 700 Lea Blvd, Suite 102, Wilmington, DE 19802;

Dr. Bruce H. Grossinger, Delaware Neurological Center, 4100 Dawnbrook Dr., Suite 4 Arbor Point Professional Center, Wilmington, DE 19804;

Dr. Stephen L. Hershey, First State Orthopaedics, Med. Arts Pav. Suites 225 and 238 4745 Ogletown-Stanton Rd., Newark, DE 19713-1338;

Dr. Victor R. Kalman, Morgan Kalman Clinic, 2501 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810;

Dr. Anne C. Mack, Delaware Back Pain & Rehab Center, 2600 Glasgow Avenue Suite 210, Newark, DE 19702;

Scomed Supply, Inc., 316 Commerce Drive, Exton, PA 19341.

3. Give the names of all persons who have been interviewed in connection with the above litigation, including the names and present and last known residential and employment addresses and telephone numbers of the person who made the said interviews and name and present or last known residential and employment addresses and telephone numbers of persons who have the original and copies of the interview.

#### ANSWER:

None known.

4. Identify all photographs, diagrams, or other representations made in connection with the matter in litigation giving the name and present or last known residential and employment address and telephone number of the person having the original and copies thereof. (In lieu thereof, a copy can be attached.)

### ANSWER:

See Police Report.

5. Give the name, professional address and telephone number of all expert witnesses presently retained by the party together with the dates of any written opinions prepared by said expert. If an expert is not presently retained, describe by type the experts whom the party expects to retain in connection with the litigation.

### ANSWER:

See those physicians listed in Interrogatory number 2 above.

- 6. Give a brief description of any insurance policy, including excess coverage, that is or may be applicable to the litigation, including:
  - a. The name and address of all companies insuring the risk;
  - b. The policy number;
  - c. The amount of primary, /secondary, and excessive coverage.
  - d. The type of insurance;

#### ANSWER:

Geico Insurance Company, 1 Geico Boulevard, Fredericksburg, VA 22412, (800) 841-1003, Claim Number: 0166116410101061 (15K/30K PIP – Exhausted);

Continental Casualty Company, PO Box 17369, Denver, CO 80217, Claim Number: TR903960 (Unknown LIAB)

7. Give the name, professional address, and telephone number of all physicians, chiropractors, psychologists, and physical therapists who have examined or treated you at any time during the ten year period immediately prior to the date of the incident at issue in this litigation.

## ANSWER:

To be provided.

/s/ LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL
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# AFFIDAVIT OF COUSEL PURSUANT TO RULE 3(a)(1)(ii) AND (iii)

STATE OF DELAWARE:

SS

NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

LAWRANCE S. KIMMEL, being duly sworn this day of June, 2008, does depose and say:

- 1. He is attorney for plaintiff in the above-referenced action.
- 2. This action involves a claim for personal injuries where the plaintiff claims special damages that have and will be supplied.

# FILING IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUPERIOR COURT RULE 3(h)

In compliance with Superior Court Civil Rule 3(h), Plaintiff attaches the following documentation:

- (i) Answers to Form 30 Interrogatories;
- (ii) Due to the volume of documentary evidence gathered in this case, it is impractical to attach photocopies of all documents to the complaint. Copies of all

documents discoverable under this rule will be forwarded to the attorney for the defendant once an appearance is made by defendant's counsel and a written request for these documents is made.

LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me the day and year aforesaid.

NOTARY PUBLIC

JONATHAN B. O'NEILL ATTORNEY AT LAW Notative Officer, State of Delaware Passagent to 29 Del. C. § 4222/1/2

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Plaintiff,	*
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Defendants.	JURY DEMAND: X YesNo
ATTORNEY NAME:  Lawrance Spiller Kimmel, Esq.  ATTORNEY ID: 4725	IDENTIFY ANY RELATED CASES NOW PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BY CAPTION AND CIVIL ACTION NUMBER INCLUDING JUDGE'S INITIALS:  None.
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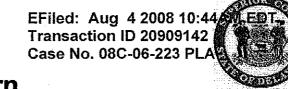
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## /s/ LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

#### IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

EARL J. HIBBITTS,

Plaintiff, : C.A. No.:

v. : NON-ARBITRATION CASE

CHARLES HALE, INDIAN RIVER TRANSPORT, INC., HERITAGE EQUIPMENT LEASING, LLC, and, HERITAGE

MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC,

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Defendants.

#### COMPLAINT

- 1. On Tuesday, 7/18/06, at approximately 4:35 p.m., Plaintiff was operating his vehicle, stopped in traffic on southbound New Castle Avenue, in New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware, when he was struck from the rear by a vehicle left unoccupied by Defendant Hale, who had left his vehicle unattended in a negligent and careless manner, causing his vehicle to roll down a hill and into the Plaintiff's vehicle, causing Plaintiff's vehicle to strike two motor vehicles in front of him, resulting in injuries and damages to Plaintiff.
- 2. The conduct of Defendant Hale was negligent and careless in a manner which proximately caused the aforesaid accident in that he:
  - (a) left his vehicle unattended in violation of 21 Del.C. Section 4182;
  - (b) failed to maintain proper control over his vehicle; and,
- (c) operated his vehicle in a careless and/or inattentive manner in violation of 21 <u>Del.C.</u> Section 4176;

- (d) failed to effectively set the brake of his vehicle when leaving it unattended in violation of 21 Del.C. Section 4182;
- (e) failed to turn the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway in violation of 21 <u>Del.C.</u> Section 4182;
- (f) failed to equip his vehicle with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and to hold such vehicle and any trailer or semitrailer attached thereto including 2 separate means of applying the brakes in violation of 21 Del.C. Section 4303;
- (g) failed to maintain the brakes of his vehicle in good working order and conform to regulations promulgated by the Secretary in violation of 21 Del.C. Section 4303;
- (h) failed to maintain the brakes of his vehicle so the hand brake could hold such vehicle stationary on any grade upon which operated in violation of 21 Del.C. Section 4304;
- (i) operated a vehicle with faulty and/or defective equipment, causing said vehicle to move forward when left unattended on the roadway.
- 3. The negligence of Defendant Hale is imputed to Defendants Indian River Transport, Inc., Heritage Equipment Leasing, LLC, and Heritage Management Group, LLC, since the former was operating the vehicle as the agent, servant and/or employee of Defendants Indian River Transport, Inc., Heritage Equipment Leasing, LLC, and Heritage Management Group, LLC, and was pursuing Defendants Indian River Transport, Inc., Heritage Equipment Leasing, LLC's, and Heritage Management Group, LLC's business at the time of the aforesaid accident. Each Defendant must deny agency by affidavit pursuant to 10 Del. C. Section 3916.

4. As a result of the aforesaid conduct of Defendants, Plaintiff sustained injuries to his head, neck, back, shoulders, right upper extremity, left upper extremity, left lower extremity, right lower extremity, and other injuries, some or all of which may be permanent, pain and suffering, mental distress, a loss of earnings, and other damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants for his general and special damages, in an amount to be determined by a jury, plus costs and interest.

/s/ LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL
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NON-ARBITRATION CASE

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# ANSWERS TO SUPERIOR COURT FORM 30 INTERROGATORIES

1. Give the names and present or last known residential and employment address and telephone number of each eye-witness to the incident which is the subject of litigation

#### ANSWER:

See the police report.

2. Give the names and present or last known residential and employment address and telephone number of each person who has knowledge of the facts relating to the litigation.

#### ANSWER:

See those listed in the Police Report, as well as plaintiff's friends, relatives, and business associates.

Christiana Hospital, 4755 Ogletown-Stanton Road, Newark, DE 19710;

Delaware Open MRI, H-42 Omega Drive, Newark, DE 19713;

Glasgow Surgery Center, 2600 Glasgow Ave., Ste. 226, Newark, DE 19702;

Dr. Arnold B. Glassman, 700 Lea Blvd, Suite 102, Wilmington, DE 19802;

Dr. Bruce H. Grossinger, Delaware Neurological Center, 4100 Dawnbrook Dr., Suite 4 Arbor Point Professional Center, Wilmington, DE 19804;

Dr. Stephen L. Hershey, First State Orthopaedics, Med. Arts Pav. Suites 225 and 238 4745 Ogletown-Stanton Rd., Newark, DE 19713-1338;

Dr. Victor R. Kalman, Morgan Kalman Clinic, 2501 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810;

Dr. Anne C. Mack, Delaware Back Pain & Rehab Center, 2600 Glasgow Avenue Suite 210, Newark, DE 19702;

Scomed Supply, Inc., 316 Commerce Drive, Exton, PA 19341.

3. Give the names of all persons who have been interviewed in connection with the above litigation, including the names and present and last known residential and employment addresses and telephone numbers of the person who made the said interviews and name and present or last known residential and employment addresses and telephone numbers of persons who have the original and copies of the interview.

#### ANSWER:

None known.

4. Identify all photographs, diagrams, or other representations made in connection with the matter in litigation giving the name and present or last known residential and employment address and telephone number of the person having the original and copies thereof. (In lieu thereof, a copy can be attached.)

#### ANSWER:

See Police Report.

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5. Give the name, professional address and telephone number of all expert witnesses presently retained by the party together with the dates of any written opinions prepared by said expert. If an expert is not presently retained, describe by type the experts whom the party expects to retain in connection with the litigation.

#### ANSWER:

See those physicians listed in Interrogatory number 2 above.

- 6. Give a brief description of any insurance policy, including excess coverage, that is or may be applicable to the litigation, including:
  - a. The name and address of all companies insuring the risk;
  - b. The policy number;
  - c. The amount of primary, /secondary, and excessive coverage.
  - d. The type of insurance;

#### ANSWER:

Geico Insurance Company, 1 Geico Boulevard, Fredericksburg, VA 22412, (800) 841-1003, Claim Number: 0166116410101061 (15K/30K PIP – Exhausted);

Continental Casualty Company, PO Box 17369, Denver, CO 80217, Claim Number: TR903960 (Unknown LIAB)

7. Give the name, professional address, and telephone number of all physicians, chiropractors, psychologists, and physical therapists who have examined or treated you at any time during the ten year period immediately prior to the date of the incident at issue in this litigation.

#### ANSWER:

To be provided.

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF COUSEL PURSUANT TO RULE 3(a)(1)(ii) AND (iii)

STATE OF DELAWARE:

: SS

**NEW CASTLE COUNTY:** 

LAWRANCE S. KIMMEL, being duly sworn this day of June, 2008, does depose and say:

- 1. He is attorney for plaintiff in the above-referenced action.
- 2. This action involves a claim for personal injuries where the plaintiff claims special damages that have and will be supplied.

## FILING IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUPERIOR COURT RULE 3(b)

In compliance with Superior Court Civil Rule 3(h), Plaintiff attaches the following documentation:

- (i) Answers to Form 30 Interrogatories;
- (ii) Due to the volume of documentary evidence gathered in this case, it is impractical to attach photocopies of all documents to the complaint. Copies of all

documents discoverable under this rule will be forwarded to the attorney for the defendant once an appearance is made by defendant's counsel and a written request for these documents is made.

LAWRANCE SPILLER KIMMEL

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me the day and year aforesaid.

NOTARY PUBLIC

JONATHAN B. O'NEILL ATTORNEY AT LAW Notatial Officer, State of Delaware Pursuant to 29 Del. C. 6 4303/44/20

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Plaintiff,	`*
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CHARLES HALE, INDIAN RIVER TRANSPORT, INC., HERITAGE EQUIPMENT LEASING, LLC, and HERITAGE MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC.,	Document Type: (E.G. Complaint; Answer with Counterclaim) COMPLAINT, SUMMONS, ANSWER TO FORM 30 INTERROGATORIES, AND PRAECIPE.
Defendants.	JURY DEMAND: X Yes No
ATTORNEY NAME:	IDENTIFY ANY RELATED CASES NOW PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BY CAPTION AND CIVIL
Lawrance Spiller Kimmel, Esq.	ACTION NUMBER INCLUDING JUDGE'S INITIALS:
ATTORNEY ID: 4725	None.
FIRM NAME:	EXPLAIN THE RELATIONSHIP:
Kimmel, Carter, Roman & Peltz	Not Applicable
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Plaza 273	
56 West Main Street, 4th Floor	-
Newark, Delaware 19702	OTHER UNUSUAL ISSUES THAT AFFECT CASE
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (302) 565-6100	MANAGEMENT:  Not Applicable
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